



The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina

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To: All Worshipful Masters

RE: Flood Disaster Relief

Brethren,

As you are aware, our entire State has suffered and continues to suffer tremendous losses due to the flood waters created by the storm and rainfall sustained this past week and weekend. The Masonic Service Association has issued an "Appeal for Relief Assistance" for South Carolina to other Grand Lodges.

Many of our Brethren have reported damage to their Lodge Buildings caused by flood waters. Some of the Lodges affected are not covered for flood damage by their Insurance Carriers. The most severe damage reported by a Lodge to date, was reported by the Officers and Brethren of Fort Jackson Lodge No. 374. Due to some dams breaking, the Lodge's building was hit with 12 to 15 feet of water causing tremendous damage to the entire building and devastating the dining hall, the electrical and heating units. Many of the members of Fort Jackson Lodge are Military Brethren including the Worshipful Master and Secretary, Pro-temp who are serving full time in the Military and stationed at Fort Jackson.

Our Grand Lodge has established a Fund to assist our Lodges and Brethren with losses. Lodges and Brethren wishing to contribute to this fund should make their checks payable to the Grand Lodge of AFM of SC Charities Disaster Relief Inc. and indicate in the memo section "SC Flood Assistance". Donations made to the Grand Lodge of AFM of SC Charities Disaster Relief Inc. are "Tax Deductible." All donations should be mailed to the Grand Secretary at the Grand Lodge Office in Lexington.

Please keep our South Carolina Brethren and people, who have suffered from the flood waters, in your prayers. If you have any questions or would like to help out in any way, please contact the Grand Secretary.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William B. Rogers".

William B. Rogers
Grand Master